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SUBJECT: CCD CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING, MARCH 1, 1976

1. SUMMARY: UPON INITIATIVE OF SOVIETS, CCD CO-CHAIRMEN MET AT U.S. MISSION MARCH 1. USSR REP ROSHCHIN RAISED THREE ITEMS: PROPOSAL FOR BAN ON WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (MDW), JOINT DRAFT TREATY ON ENMOD, AND REVIEW OF CCD PROCEDURES. DISCUSSION ALSO INCLUDED QUESTION OF DATES FOR CONCLUDING SPRING SESSION AND CONVENING SUMMER SESSION. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER DISCUSSING SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR EXPERTS
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MEETING ON MDW (SEPTEL), ROSHCHIN RAISED BOTH

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PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS RELATING TO US-SOVIET JOINT DRAFT TEXT OF ENMOD CONVENTION. HE PROPOSED DEVOTING A "SPECIAL INFORMAL MEETING" MARCH 17 TO THE JOINT DRAFT AND INQUIRED WHETHER THE U.S. WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT ARTICLE BY ARTICLE, AS HAD BEEN PROPOSED BY SWEDEN AND AUSTRALIA.

3. U.S. REP MARTIN REPLIED THAT U.S. DEL PLANS EARLY INTERVENTION ON ENMOD STATING OUR POSITION ON MAJOR ISSUES RAISED WITH RESPECT TO JOINT DRAFT. HE ADDED THAT THIS STATEMENT WOULD DEFEND DRAFT AS TABLED AND THAT DEL HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF ANY CHANGES IN PRESENT TEXT. MARTIN NOTED THAT HE WOULD UNAVOIDABLY BE ABSENT FROM GENEVA MARCH 17 AND POINTED OUT WE ARE UNAWARE THAT AT LEAST THREE CCD MEMBERS (CANADA, NETHERLANDS AND FRG) INTEND TO DELIVER SIGNIFICANT SUBSTANTIVE INTERVENTIONS IN MID-TO-LATE MARCH. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, WE THOUGHT ANY SPECIAL MEETING SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL APRIL, IN PARTICULAR TO AVOID ANY INFERENCE OF AN EFFORT TO PRE-EMPT STATEMENTS OF POSITION BY OTHER MEMBERS.

4. ROSHCHIN THEN AGREED TO EARLY APRIL FOR CALLING SPECIAL MEETING. HE STATED STRONG CONCERN, HOWEVER, THAT DETAILED ENMOD DISCUSSIONS BEING IN SPRING SESSION, ANTICIPATING POSSIBLE NEED FOR CO-SPONSORS TO REVIEW POSITIONS BETWEEN SPRING AND SUMMER, AND AGAIN DURING SUMMER SESSION, BEFORE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TEXT COULD BE NEGOTIATED. ROSHCHIN STRESSED DESIRABILITY OF CONCLUDING NEGOTIATIONS PRIOR TO 31ST UNGA. MARTIN AGREED TO RECOMMEND APRIL 7, 8 AND 9 IF NECESSARY AS DATES FOR ENMOD DISCUSSIONS BY CCD. CO-CHAIRMEN AGREED THAT THEIR POSITION REGARDING JOINT DRAFT TEXT WILL NOT CHANGE DURING THIS SESSION.

5. SOVIETS RAISED THREE PROCEDURAL MATTERS CONCERNING FORMAT AND PREPARATION OF CCD REPORT, UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS, AND ROMANIAN PROPOSAL FOR SUBCOMMITTEE. CONFIDENTIAL

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ALTHOUGH SOVIETS WERE RELUCTANT TO REMOVE TASK FROM CO-CHAIRMEN, THEY AGREED TO CONSIDER ASSIGNING SECRETARIAT PREPARATION OF FIRST DRAFT OF REPORT IF

OTHERS RAISED ISSUE. MARTIN EMPHASIZED THAT IF THIS WAS GOING TO TAKE PLACE, SECRETARIAT SHOULD SO BE INFORMED EARLY. HE NOTED STRONG U.S. VIEW THAT REPORT SHOULD BE LARGELY FACTUAL AND THAT ANY LIMITED

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EVALUATION SHOULD BE AGREED UPON BY TRUE CONSENSUS.
ROSHCHIN STATED PREFERENCE THAT CO-CHAIRMEN CONTINUE
TO SIGN REPORT, TO PREVENT DIMINUTION OF THEIR ROLE.

6. ON OTHER PROCEDURAL ISSUES, CO-CHAIRMEN AGREED
READILY ON THE RIGHT OF CCD MEMBERS TO CALL UNOFFICIAL
MEETINGS. ROSHCHIN SAID SOVS OPPOSED ROMANIAN PROPOSAL
FOR SUBCOMMITTEE, ASKING WHAT SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD DO
THAT CCD ITSELF DID NOT DO. ROSHCHIN RAISED
NUMEROUS QUESTIONS REGARDING SUBCOMMITTEE PROCEDURES
(E.G., CHAIRMANSHIP AND RECORDS) AND SAID SOVS
DID NOT FAVOR ESTABLISHING ANY INSTITUTION THAT
WOULD "COMPLICATE" CCD'S STRUCTURE.

7. DISCUSSION TURNED TO QUESTION OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP,
ROSHCHIN SAYING SOVS WERE NOT PREPARED AT THIS TIME
TO GIVE UP OR WEAKEN THE INSTITUTION. MARTIN AGREED,
BUT ADDED THAT U.S. WOULD NOT OBJECT TO DISCUSSION
OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER PROCEDURAL-
ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES; AS WE HAD SAID BEFORE, WE
WANTED TO HEAR OTHERS' IDEAS ON ALL ASPECTS OF CCD
ARRANGEMENTS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT WE WISHED TO
PRESERVE THE ESSENTIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CCD
(CONSENSUS PROCEDURE, LIMITED MEMBERSHIP, AND
INDEPENDENCE VIS-A-VIS UN). IN THIS PROCESS, MARTIN
SAID, WE BELIEVED CO-CHAIRMANSHIP INEVITABLY WOULD HAVE
TO BE DISCUSSED.

8. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH DISCUSSION OF CLOSING
DATE FOR SPRING SESSION AND RECONVNEING DATE FOR
SUMMER SESSION. THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT APRIL 23
WAS EARLIEST FEASIBLE DATE FOR ENDING SPRING SESSION,
BUT NO CONCLUSION REGARDING RECONVENING DATE.
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ROSHCHIN SAID MID-JUNE WAS BEST IN VIEW OF CCD'S
PROSPECTIVE WORKLOAD IN SUMMER, AGAIN MENTIONING
DESIRABILITY OF FINISHING ENMOD CONVENTION. MARTIN
RAISED QUESTION OF CONFLICT WITH AD HOC COMMITTEE ON
UN DISARMAMENT ROLE; ROSHCHIN WAS DISPOSED TO DISREGARD
THIS PROBLEM BUT AGREED TO CONSIDER MATTER FURTHER BEFORE
MAKING FIRM PROPOSAL. DALE

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